

1-1 By: Allen (Senate Sponsor - Ellis) H.B. No. 2058
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2013;
1-3 April 30, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education; May 8, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 8, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Patrick	X			
1-9 Lucio	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Duncan	X			
1-12 Paxton	X			
1-13 Seliger	X			
1-14 Taylor			X	
1-15 Van de Putte			X	
1-16 West	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the administration of a high school equivalency
1-20 examination.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 7.111, Education Code, is amended by
1-23 amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (a-1) to
1-24 read as follows:

1-25 (a) The board shall provide for the administration of high
1-26 school equivalency examinations [~~, including administration by the~~
1-27 ~~adjutant general's department for students described by~~
1-28 ~~Subdivision (2)(C)].~~

1-29 (a-1) A person who does not have a high school diploma may
1-30 take the examination in accordance with rules adopted by the board
1-31 if the person is:

1-32 (1) over 17 years of age;

1-33 (2) 16 years of age or older and:

1-34 (A) is enrolled in a Job Corps training program
1-35 under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. Section 2801
1-36 et seq.), and its subsequent amendments;

1-37 (B) a public agency providing supervision of the
1-38 person or having custody of the person under a court order
1-39 recommends that the person take the examination; or

1-40 (C) is enrolled in the adjutant general's
1-41 department's Seaborne Challenge Corps; or

1-42 (3) required to take the examination under a [~~justice~~
1-43 ~~or municipal]~~ court order [~~issued under Article 45.054(a)(1)(C),~~
1-44 ~~Code of Criminal Procedure]~~.

1-45 (c) The board by rule shall develop and deliver high school
1-46 equivalency examinations and provide for the administration of the
1-47 examinations online. The rules must [~~+~~

1-48 [~~(1)~~] provide a procedure for verifying the identity
1-49 of the person taking the examination [~~, and~~

1-50 [~~(2)~~ ~~prohibit a person under 18 years of age from~~
1-51 ~~taking the examination online]~~.

1-52 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014
1-53 school year.

1-54 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-55 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-56 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-57 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-58 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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